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Dear FDA,

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I am writing to your organization to ask you not to impose limitations on the compounded prescriptions that I have obtained for 18 years.

I developed severe PMS after the birth of my two small children and no prescription medicine that was prescribed for me had any effect. My life was a living hell each month from day 14 to 28. I found a doctor in Nashville who was ahead of her time and prescribed natural progesterone for me. I was directed to Madison Pharmacy which was one of the few who offered this product. After starting the medication it was unbelievable the results I obtained. I was able to function as a wife, mother and friend during the two weeks that normally were unbearable. I often wonder if I would still be married to the same man after 27 years if I had not been able to control the irritability, rages and mood swings.

I also had used L-tryptophan successfully for many years in conjunction with the progesterone, all at a very reasonable cost. After L-tryptophan was banned I suffered a major depression that resulted in me seeking therapy, many unsuccessful drugs until finally Prozac proved to be effective. I can find no solution other than the major drug companies have successfully campaigned to keep L-tryptophan from being re-introduced, after it was proven that it was a factory-caused problem, not the drug itself.

Now that I have started perimenopause I need to have testosterone supplements also that are furnished by Madison Pharmacy at a very reasonable cost to me.

I am strongly against any legislation that would limit my ability to obtain these natural products at a very inexpensive cost to me from the pharmacy of my choice.

I also feel that if the drug companies become involved in these prescriptions, the prices will escalate, they will profit and then all of our managed care insurance companies will not cover them because they are not cost effective. I recently read that Aetna US HEALTHCARE will no longer cover Prozac because of the cost.

Again, please do not interfere with a process that works for so many women, myself included.

Sincerely,



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I OPPOSE THE DRAFT M.O.U. being proposed by the FDA. In particular, I OBJECT to the definition of "inordinate amount" which restricts the availability and the right to obtain medically necessary compounded medications by limiting the number of prescriptions that can be shipped across state lines from specialized compounding pharmacies.

Sham Marten
Signature

5/28/99
Date

COMMENTS: *Please, Please don't interfere with my ability*
to use the services of a pharmacy - out-of-state - etc - , 18 years
ago I suffered with severe PM's that became worse

Please fold, seal, and mail by March 22



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